


30 July 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Eugene T. Olson
Special Assistant to the
Secretary of Agriculture

SUBJECT : Bloc Agricultural Prospects,
Mid-July 1964

1. Attached for your information is the latest in our monthly forecasts of the agricultural outlook in countries of the Communist Bloc. Barring bad weather in the early autumn, the USSR should have a better than average grain crop, while harvests in East Europe should be somewhat better than those of 1963. On this basis, we would not expect any sizable imports of grain by the Soviet Union, but East European imports (some of which are already contracted for) will still be required at about the level of last year.
2. Harvests in Communist China should be better than in 1963 but still below average; indications are that the Chinese will import more grain than they did in 1963.
3. A copy of this report was sent to Secretary Freeman on 28 July 1964 by Ray S. Cline, Deputy Director of Intelligence.

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